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1. Since 1 October 1950, the Chinese Communist-sponsored South Kiangsu Food Company established 61 new stations in South Kiangsu to buy the autumn rice harvest. Prior to this date the company had 19 rice-purchasing stations in this area.
2. From 23 September to 7 October 1950 about 50,000 tons of unhusked rice arrived at the North Railway Station in Shanghai from Chuhsien (113-52, 28-57) en route to Shensi Province for storage. Chinese Communists had collected this rice from the autumn harvest as taxes.
3. On 26 September 1950 Communist authorities in Kanhsien (114-54, 25-52) announced at a conference of representatives* that the rice tax from the 1950 autumn harvest would be 20,000 piculs. Although most of the representatives considered this tax too high and asked for a reduction, their requests were rejected.

* Comment. Presumably these are representatives of the farmers' associations.

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